Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Pharmacy is one of the oldest health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and,

Whereas, Today, there are an estimated 1,882 pharmacists licensed in South Dakota, providing valuable services to ensure the rational and safe use of all medications; and,

Whereas, Today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and,

Whereas, It is important all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about, and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and,

Whereas, Pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus and level of expertise on medication therapy and are ideally suited to work collaboratively with both health care providers and patients to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management and adherence; and,

Whereas, Pharmacists provide both expertise and accessibility which are crucial to patients fully optimizing access to medications that are not self-administered such as, but not limited to, immunizations; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's pharmacists have been actively participating in blood pressure education, screenings, and awareness events throughout the state to assist patients who may be at risk for a heart attack or stroke; and,

Whereas, The American Pharmacists Association and South Dakota Pharmacists Association have declared October as American Pharmacists Month with the theme "Know Your Medicine – Know Your Pharmacist":

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

PHARMACISTS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State